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Vehicle Burglary at Trailhead results in use of Victim's Credit Cards

This report was delayed due to an extended wait time receiving bank photos –

On February 21, 2015, deputies were dispatched to the burglary of a vehicle while parked at the Loy Canyon Trail head near Sedona, Arizona, in the Coconino National Forest. The victim told deputies unknown suspects entered her Toyota 4-Runner while it was unoccupied and stole her purse containing \$50 along with two credit cards while she and a friend were hiking. The victim believed the vehicle had been locked, but there were no signs of forced entry.

A short time later, the victim was notified by her bank that both cards had been used to withdraw over \$1200 in cash from the Chase Bank in the 1500 block of Highway 89A, Cottonwood. The credit card PIN's were apparently found by the suspect in her purse. The deputy requested bank photos from the transactions and received them last week.

Anyone with information regarding the suspect seen in these photos is encouraged to call Yavapai Silent Witness at 1800-932-3232. If the tip leads to an arrest, the caller will be eligible for a cash reward. Case number 15-006722. YCSO may also be contacted directly at 928-771-3260.



Suspect leaving the bank on the pictured motorcycle

Please remember – Do not leave valuables in your unattended vehicle while parked at any trailhead. Suspects monitor these areas because they know hikers will be away from their cars sometimes for hours. This allows time to commit the theft and use any stolen credit cards before victims realize a theft has even occurred.

Citizens can contact the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office with information or questions at 928-771-3260 or the YCSO website:

www.ycsoaz.gov